

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Application No.: 10/537,176 Group: 1623  
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For: ALDONIC ACID ESTERS, METHODS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME,  
AND METHODS FOR PRODUCING PHARMACEUTICAL ACTIVE  
INGREDIENTS COUPLED TO POLYSACCHARIDES OR  
POLYSACCHARIDE DERIVATIVES ON FREE AMINO GROUPS

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the issues raised in the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 4, 2009 in the above-identified application and the Notice of Improper Request for Continued Examination (RCE) dated January 27, 2010 (copy enclosed).

A two month extension of time to respond to the Office Action Made Final dated August 4, 2009 was filed on January 4, 2010 with payment of a \$245 fee. Applicant hereby petitions for an additional one month extension of time to respond to the Office Action Made Final.

Applicants' Attorney is not filing a Notice of Appeal at this time because an RCE was filed on January 4, 2010. It is Applicant's intention to proceed with the RCE that was filed and with the filing of this paper, the Notice of Improper Request for RCE should be withdrawn and the RCE should proceed.

Please amend the application as follows: